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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2001.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims 1-31 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 20) Other: _____

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under
35 U.S.C. 121:

5 I. Claims 1-31 are drawn to a method for preparing a nucleic acid
binding protein, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

2. This application contains claims directed to a method that
encompasses mutations at several positions. Applicant need to elect a
position to be mutated for purposes of examination. In addition, the claims
10 recite several base changes. Applicant need to elect a single base. For
example claim 1(a) recites if base 4 in the quadruplet is A, then position +6
in the α -helix is Glu, Asn or Val. Note also that the mutational changes to
the sequence results in proteins that are patenably distinct with different
structures and function and having the ability to bind to different nucleic
15 acids. Therefore, an election of a single position and single base change for
examination on the merits is required.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-
elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37
CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an
20 inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of
inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the
fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

25 Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete
must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the
requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from
the Examiner should be directed to Hope A. Robinson whose telephone number is
(703)308-6231. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from

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9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. (EST).

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor Christopher S.F. Low, can be reached at (703)308-2923.

Any inquiries of a general nature relating to this application should be 5 directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0196.

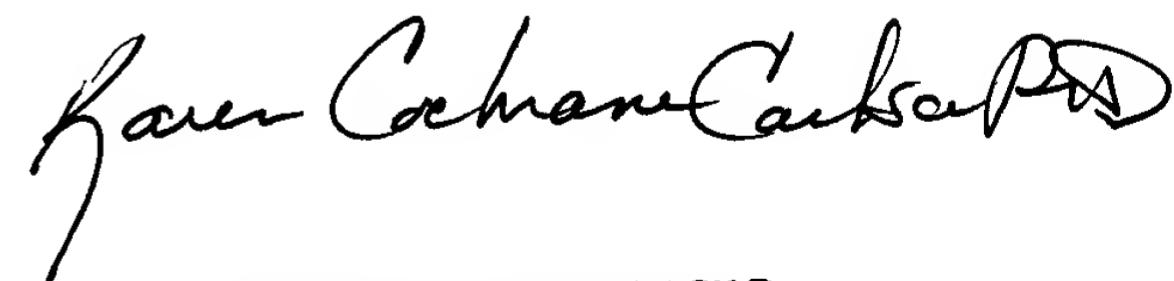
Papers related to this application may be submitted by facsimile transmission. The official fax phone number for Technology Center 1600 is (703) 308-4242. Please affix the Examiner's name on a cover sheet attached to your communication should you choose to fax your response. The faxing of such 10 papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG (November 15, 1989).

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Patent Examiner

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